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A few more beet sugar factories would come in handy in Nebraska by the time the next sugar beet crop is ready for conversion.

The year of 1898 is not so far off that valuable time for promoting the projected Transmississippi exposition can be wasted with impunity.

Encourage immigration into Nebraska. Nebraska has room for all the honest and hard working settlers who can be induced to come to the state for years to come.

The Federation of Labor convention, which is about to open in New York, will be a great event in labor circles. The Federation is now the most prominent of the older labor organizations.

Congressmen at Washington are now engaged in the harmless occupation of introducing bills. The harmlessness rests upon the fact that the bill that succeeds of enactment is the rare jewel in the hear.

Senator Hill really could not have expected to be a great money maker as a lecturer. With no divorce record behind him and no family scandal in his career, he could not have hoped to comnete with the lights of the stage.

The new sewing machine trust max be perfected until it includes every sew-Ing machine manufacturer in the coun- inference is that Mr. Cleveland prefers in this direction, and it is reported that try, but it will never get prices back to to avoid committing himself for decided objection has been shown both the point where they once were when the present to any proposition by Indians and whites against the \$15 sewing machines sold for \$90.

The American Missionary society declines to prosecute its defaulting officers who got away with over \$40,000 of the contributions for the support of foreign missions. Is stealing from the heathen a less offense than stealing from churchgoing Christian people?

And now the attorney general in his report urges upon congress prompt action on the problem of the Pacific railroad debt. The secretary of the interior got in his work a week or so ago. But congress doubtless is reserving the last say for itself.

The State Relief commission's printed report is out, and there is no more semblance of excuse for maintaining that organization longer in existence. Let us all hope Nebraska may never have occasion to resort to another commission to help out a drouth-stricken population.

We regret to learn that Congressman Mercer is palming off in the east that old story about Kansas not having raised anything in years except the age of consent. We fear that Mr. Mercer is running the risk of spoiling his reputation as a story teller.

The newly established railway tariff for the transportation of wheels for bieyeling passengers is graded according to the price of the ticket purchased by the owner. The receipts for blevele charges will be indisputable tell-tales on wheelmen who ride centuries comfortably ensconced in upholstered chair

The most exacting might be satisfied with the length of the president's message were it not for the fact that every paragraph in it will doubtless serve as a text for discussion in one or both houses of congress. The literature based on this message will, before the last word is said on it, be sufficiently voluminous to constitute a small library by itself.

Since it has become the custom for crazy people to throw bombs and to fire revolvers indiscriminately in the French Chamber of Deputies, the best place of safety yet devised for the tended.

the exhibitors to whom they were international exposition some of the zation that is two-thirds water. Traffic will doubtless have the kindness to ex- syndicate from the Central and Union ately precipitate is, What action in the salaries of both parties are paid in full vented hibit the souvenirs. As curiosities of the Pacific to the Southern Pacific, the de-

ROADS.

With the first installment of the t 2 now in session finds itself confronted All business letters and remittances should be railroad lobby, representing the bond-diressed to The fice Publishing Company, maha, Drafts checks and postellic orders to bodders' and stock-jobbers' interests, inspection of the control of the cont dicates that the side of the capitalists and stock exchange operators will be men who conscientiously represent the

tenl interest of their constituents. All the plans that have been suggested for the settlement of the Pacific failed in the last congress, in the scheme of the bondbolders' reorganization committee, and in the proposed bill of Senator Thurston, which he has given to the public in outline. 9.523 The recommendations contained in the last report of the government directors of the Union Pacific are in line with the various plans of the second class. The first set of plans contemplate the

> consolidation of the first and second mortgage bonds into one huge blanket mortgage indebtedness, either by the extension of the government's loan, by the purchase by the government of the claims of the prior lien creditors, or by the sale of the government's claim at a sacrifice to the first mortgage bond- claim which State Treasurer Bartley holders or their associates. Each and every one of these plans contemplates the legalization of all the existing fictitious capitalization and the ratifica- siderable part of the \$236,000 will be tion of all the fraudulent diversion of revenue from the Union and Central Pacific to the private fortunes of their original managers. Each and every one of them contemplates a continuation of warrants are already outstanding and the present colossal fixed charges and unpaid for lack of money in the the perpetuation of the burden that is treasury, the state will have to carry now weighing down upon the shippers the load as best it can. and consumers who constitute the patrons of the roads.

The plans which fall into the second class, on the other hand, provide for winding up the roads by sale in foreclosure and reorganization upon an fraudulent capitalization. They require tion that will place them in a position where they can compete for traffic, unhandicapped by a mountain of deadweight interest-bearing debt.

From the omission of all mention of this very important subject from the president's message and the general endorsement which the president has given to the recommendations of his department secretaries, the reasonable Pacific railroad debt settle but is in accord with the views expressed in the report of Secrectary of the Interior Hoke Smith. Secretary Smith, in that part of his annual report bearing upon the question of the Pacific railroads, which is printed in full in this issue of The Bee, repudiates the suggestions of the government directors for foreclosure under conditions that would assure the operation of the roads is one through line from Omaha to the Pacific coast. Computing the average annual net earnings of the Union and Central Pacific main lines and comparing them with the total mortgage indebtedness of the roads, less the sinking fund, the secretary arrives at the conclusion that the properties have arned nearly 6 per cent on the entire amount the government has paid and would pay if forced to pay off the first mortgage bonds, and that the government ought not to lose any large amount if compelled through foreclosure to collect its debts. Right here Secretary Smith displays a wide difference of opinion with Senator Thurston, who is justed as saying that the roads are hardly worth more than the first mortgage indebtedness. In order to realize anything on the government's security Mr. Thurston would set the minimum bid to be received at 50 per cent of that security, in addition to the sum of the first mortgage bonds.

The suggestion in the report of the commission for the purpose of perfecting a plan of debt settlement is only an afterthought. As congress would have to pass on the work of the commission before it could become effective the chief result of its appointment would be merely another postponement of final action. If the commission idea offers the proper solution, why should the secretary go to all the trouble to discuss specific plans now and commit himself in favor of a new blanket mortgage security bearing 3 per cent interest and covering the entire outstanding debt? The attorney general, acting under direction from congress, ought to be able to conduct foreclosure proceedings and protect the government interest in the

So far as the people of the west are concerned, the one all-important consideration is regularly overlooked in nearly all the discussions and reports on must within two years insure his right French legislator is in his own seat in this subject. If the money advanced by to a life franchise by showing that he the legislative hall. Insane cranks in the government to the construction of can understand a section of the consti-France appear to hit every one except the Pacific roads or any part of it bethose for whom their attacks are in- youd the actual value of the roads today is to be repaid at some future time it must be repaid out of the earn-World's fair medals and diplomas are ings of the roads, and those earnings the white voters to retain the suffrage expected to be ready for delivery to must come out of the pockets of the while depriving the ignorant and proppeople. For years patrons of the road ertyless negroes of the right to vote awarded some time before January 1. have been ground down with charges which they now enjoy in theory if not If the United States ever has another exacted to yield returns upon a capitall- in practice. fortunate medal and diploma winners has been diverted by the Huntington this revised consitution must immedi- contestant succeeds in breaking in the

CONGRESS AND THE PACIFIC RAIL- done to the inhabitants of the trans- by unliceded this willful disfranchise- the expenses of congressional contests

THE HILL CASE VERDICT.

devolve upon a few western congress- state money that was lost in the failure of the defunct Capital National bank will be surprised at the verdict in favor of the defendant. From the time the original suit was thrown out of the disrailroad debt fall naturally into two triet court for Douglas county, through classes. The first class is typified the unsuccessful appeal to the supreme in the Reilly funding bill that court, the decision of the suprememourt to extend its original jurisdiction to the case, the disagreement of the jury in the first trial and the final verdict in the second trial the attorneys for the state have been handicapped by the opposition of powerful influences that have been brought to the assistance of the defendants. The question finally put to the jury was not whether Hill was responsible for the loss of state money, but whether he had turned the public funds over to his successor in a similar manner to that in which they

had been turned over to him. The decision in the Hill case at once precipitates the problem of readjusting the state's finances. Even should the has filed with the receiver of the failed bank be acknowledged as a valid one, there is no possibility that any conrecovered, and the chances are that no part of it will be recovered. The loss must eventually be made good by taxation. In the interval, although state

EDUCATION OF THE INDIANS.

Progress is being made in the education of the Indians, though it is not rapid. The enrollment in the Indian schools is now a little over 23,000 actual value basis. They blot out at pupils, and this is less than 1,500 over one stroke all the watered stock and a year ago, which while showing an advance is not so much of an increase the purchasers to operate the roads as had been expected in view of the economically upon an honest capitaliza- efforts of the government to induce the Indian children to enter the schools. The secretary of the interior says in his annual report that the fact has been recognized that eventually the Indian hildren must be absorbed by the public schools of their respective states and hat an earnest effort has been made to place them, wherever practicable, in such schools during the past year. Not lingling of the races in the same school This is entirely natural, but the secretary of the interior does not recombe impracticable. What he does recommend, however, is an increased appropriation for Indian education to meet the pressing demand for schools for children not now provided for and also to furnish buildings for those children who, by the reduction of the aid to contract schools, must be cared

for by the government. These suggestions or recommenda tions ought to receive the favorable attention of congress. The education of hands to be one of the imperative duties of the government and it ought to be performed with the largest associating the Indian and white children in the same schools is manifestly one which may present a serious difficulty, but it would seem that the wiser course would be not to depart from the course already adopted, since it is evident that such contact of the races must result to the benefit of the inferior race and therefore in advantage to both. The wisdom of the policy of providing for the education of Indian children has never been questioned and it is more generally acknowledged now than ever before. It is policy that the American people are heartly in sympathy with and which will consequently never be abandoned, so that any appropriation which congress shall deem necessary or expedient for this purpose is certain to have popular approval. It is both a humane and politic policy.

WILL IT BE ENFORCED?

By an dugenious device the constituional convention that has just completed a revision of the constitution of South Carolina has incorporated into that instrument a provision expected, if adopted, to disfranchise the great mass of the colored citizens of that commonwealth. It is not necessary to explain in detail the method by which it is sought to bring this result about. The proposed constitution establishes three alternative qualifications for the suffrage. The voter must come up to the required educational test or pay taxes on a specified amount of property or tution when read to him by the registration officer. The palpable and undis guised intention of the framers of this constitutional provision is to enable all

The question which the adoption of

missouri country. Should congress by ment of American citizens? True, the a poor man who had been cheated out Frances Willard Rebukes Narrow the necessary legislation, send the federal constitution does not prohibit of his election would never be able to Pacific railroad debt to the government Pacific roads under the hammer, saving the application of educational and prop- have the injustice remedied. At the past due and unpaid and the remainder for the government only the actual crty tests to determine the right to vote. same time the expense accounts of conof the debt fast maturing, the congress value of its security over and above It merely forbids the states to deny the testants are unquestionably abused. the first mortgage lien, and imposing right to vote "on account of race, color Some way ought to be devised to accord with a duty bequeathed to it by its pre- upon the purchasers the duty of operat- or previous condition of servitude." to every one his full rights without decessors which cannot well be longer ing them as a single continuous line in This right may be denied for other readeferred or again evaded. Upon the the interest of the public, competing sons, but the state that does so subjects omy. adjustment of the Pacific railroad debt honestly for transcontinental business, a itself to the penalty provided in the depends the future policy of the roads blight would be lifted from the whole fourteenth amendment. "When," to and the immediate prosperity of the west and an unexampled impetus be quote the language of that amendment, must pay for the transportation of their people inhabiting the vast region given in the direction of regaining pros- "the right to vote at any election for the wheels the railroads are sensibly saytraversed by them and their branches. perity. This is what the people of the choice of electors for president and vice ing that passengers who ask for extra CORRESPONDENCE.

Concentration in Washington during spiciffy. This is what the people of the united States, representative and should be addressed. To the Editor, the past week of a powerful Pacific mand from congress, the executive and step from this is to the exaction of the united States, representatives in congress, the executive and step from this is to the exaction of the united States, representatives in congress, the executive and step from this is to the exaction of the united States, representatives in congress, the executive and step from this is to the exaction of the united States, representatives in congress. No one who has watched the course of the suit brought for the state of Newell taken care of, while the duty of braska to recover from ex-Treasurer United States, or in any way abridged man without baggage ought to be forced upholding the rights of the people will Hill and his bondsmen the \$236,000 of except for participation in rebellion or to contribute toward the expense of other crime, the basis of representation carrying another man's baggage practherein shall be reduced in the proportically free of charge. If it is wrong to tion which the number of such male make the pedestrian pay for hauling citizens shall bear to the whole number the bleyeler's wheel it is also wrong to of male citizens 21 years of age in such

> the other states insist that its repre- what he gets, no more and no less. sentation in congress be correspondingly reduced? Mississippi recently established an educational qualification for vise its proposed plan of disfranchisement by the immunity which Mississippi has enjoyed. Yet the fourteenth amendment is supposed to be still a vital part of the federal constitution. Is it there to be enforced or is it nothing but a meaningless threat?

IMPROVING THE CONSULAR SERVICE.

Under the present administration a greater number of changes were made in consular officers than under any other administration for years, chiefly for partisan reasons, and had not the president given heed to public sentiment and called a halt it is probable that not a consul who had been appointed as a republican would now be representing the United States abroad. The administration has in a measure atoned for the course pursued during the early part of its term by instituting a plan of appointment to a class of consular offices which it is confidently believed will be productive of good results. This plan provides that any vacancy in a consulate or commercial agency with an annual salary or compensation from official fees of not more than \$2,500 or less than \$1,000 should be filled either by transfer or promotion from some other position under the Department of State of a character tending to qualify the incumbent for the position to be filled, or by the appointment of a person not under the Department of State, but baying previously served thereunder and shown his capacity and fitness for consular duty, or by the appointment of a person who, baving been selected by much has been accomplished, however, the president and sent to a board of examination, is found upon such examination to be qualified for the position. Thus the principle of civil service reform is applied to these appointment and while the plan does not wholly prevent political discrimination it excludes mend any change, from which it is to be a majority of consular positions from inferred that he thinks a change would being used to pay political debts, affecting, as it does, 196 of these positions. This step toward improving the con-

sular service ought to be followed as

soon as possible by an extension of the

reform principle to the entire service, so that within a few years it shall be placed on a similar basis with the service of European countries whose example in this respect the United States may wisely emulate. This is what the commercial interests of the country desire, knowing that in order to be useful the Indian children is conceded on all and efficient in promoting our foreign trade the consular service should be composed of men specially fitted for it, with experience and training in its measure of liberality. The matter of dutles and requirements, and with a liking for it, instead of politicians who know little and care less about practical affairs and many of whom seek these positions purely to gratify a desire to live a few years abroad. The consular service is peculiarly a business service and no man should be allowed to enter it who is not thoroughly familiar with the domestic and foreign trade of the country and has a good knowledge of commercial and financial affairs generally. The government should pursue the same rule in selecting consular officers that manufacturers and merchants pursue in choosing agents to represent them in foreign markets, making capacity and fitness the sole tests, and the tenure of such officers should not be subject to change of administration at Washington, but depend solely upon their faithfulness and efficiency. If, in order to secure the most capable men for the consular service, it is necessary to increase the compensation, it would undoubtedly be found profitable to do so. The president makes but one recom

mendation in connection with this mat ter, and that is for legislation providing for consular inspection. Unquestionably this would be a good thing, having the effect to stimulate consular officers generally to greater care and vigilance in the performance of their duties. On the whole, this service is at present in very fair condition. It must not only not be allowed to retrograde, but whatever is necessary to increase its usefulness and efficiency should be promptly provided. There is no sound reason why the standard of the consular service of the United States should not be as high as that of any other nation.

It is intimated that probably one reason for the unusual number of contests for congressional places that have been filed with the new house of representatives is that the contestants and

In taking the position that bicyclers make the poor passenger pay for hauling the rich passenger's trunks. It any quarrel, If South Carolina, by means of its new may take some time yet, but American fourth of its present legal voters, will stage where each patron pays for just

Under the persistent efforts of the postal authorities the various disguises the suffrage for the purpose of weeding behind which different lottery swindlers out the illiterate voters, but up to this have been hiding are being penetrated ternal message-bearers, or as working allies time no notice of it has been taken by and the use of the mails cut any federal authority. South Carolina off. The great Louisiana lottery, has doubtless been emboldened to de- it will be remembered, tried to operate in the name of an ice company, and several of its imitators have been equally ingenious in the same direction. But as it is the character of the concern and not its name that renders its correspondence unmailable. the postal authorities deserve encouragement for ferreting out all these swindles in all of their different forms.

> The men who prepared the copy of the recently published report of the State Relief commission must have had a considerate eye out for the printers. The report is spread out to occupy 187 when it could easily have been put into 100 pages without condensing a single paragraph. The printer's bill, however, will be made out at so much per page and presented for payment out of the state treasury, so that this useless extravagance will be of benefit to somebody.

The new western passenger agreement renews the penalties for violation of the rule for the strict maintenance of rates. The western roads have regularly as clockwork subscribed each year to an agreement not to cut rates and as regularly violated the obligation whenever an opportunity presented with a premise of profit. If there is any reason to believe that this year's contract will be any better observed it has not yet been developed for the public mind.

Immigration from European countries to the United States is commencing to pick up slightly. The southern states and some of the states north of us are making strenuous efforts to guide the stream of emigration in their directions. Nebraska has as much if not more in the way of natural resources and hope ful prospects to offer intending settlers than any other state in the union. The immigrants that select Nebraska as their abodes will not regret the choice.

The Power of Cripple Creek. What strange metamorphosis is this in Silver cranks are turning into

Extermination and Diplomacy.

gold bugs.

As the seal fisheries are rapidly being reduced to a point where there will be nothing left to dispute about, international supermay be regarded as a triumph of peaceful diplomacy.

The Empire of the Sultan. The founder of Christianity and

cunder of Mohammedanism were both born n places that are now under the rule of the urkish sultan, who, until a few years ago, ruled also over the birthplace of Moses, the ounder of Judaism.

Corners and Collapse.

New York Tribune.

Cornering the market does not pay. A would-be bean king recently came to grief and departed this life of his own accord, and now comes news of the suicide of a man who ome years ago lost his fortune in a lard corner, and since has been fighting against ll-fortune in various guises until he tired of

Singled Out for Slaughter. Philadelphia Recon

It is a curious feature of the massacres n eastern Turkey that the victims without a known exception, have been Armenians. Trebizond and Constantinople, for instance, each contains a humerous Greek population; yet no Christian Greeks have fallen during the dreadful butcheries in those cities, and if any men or women of European or American nationality have lost their lives at the hands of the Turkish and Kurdish assassins the fact has not been reported. The massacres may have been the acts of frenzied fanatics, but there has been so much method in the madness of the butchers as to compe he conclusion that their frenzy has been directed by some guiding intelligence.

Divorce Law for the Rich.

The settlement of the Colt divorce case is nother illustrative instance of the undemocratic privilege assumed by wealth in this country. When a poor man on weman viclates marriage vows the courts resent collusion so strongly that if there be a shadow of evidence to the effect that husband and wife have entered into any sort of agreement for diverce they throw the whole case out of court upon grounds of the highest morality. But when rich people and socially prominent people misbshave they are permitted to make a dicker between themselves—husband, wife and paramour—for secret proceedings and a divorce by collusion, with private terms as to costs and settlements. In other words, money claims and gets in the court privileges and immunities which are sternly denied to poverty. It is an intelerable as well as an liegal practice

A New Monroe Boetrine.

The brevity of the president's remarks bout Venezuela in his message should not discourage the patriots who were pleased some time ago to learn that once in a while the administration could show a determined front to Great Britain. The little paradoctrine in a nutshell. It is so pleasing to those who believe in Americanism that there would doubtless be widespread recontestees are regularly repaid joining if the president would soon again utter another declaration like that of last the expenses incurred out of the July. The people are ready for more of the public treasury and in case the same kind. If Secretary Olney can be percontestant succeeds in breaking in the action and Ambassador Bayard can be preately precipitate is, What action in the salaries of both parties are paid in full vented from undue apologies for his matter will the federal government for the time the seat was disputed. Of wretched and misguided country the admanagement of the bureau of awards velopment of the whole west has been they will be priceless treasures. Velopment of the whole west has been take? Will it make the effort to enforce course there are two sides to this question. If no allowance were made for proud of their American nationality.

A LESSON TO RIGOTS.

St. Paul Plement-Propo-

Minded Busy bodies.

Miss Prances Willard has never done any thing which more nobly justified the window of making her the president of a great tem perance organization than her reply to th union sgainst the recognition of Roman Cath-olic and Jewish temperance societies and the inviting of the latter to send delegates to the union convention and to take part, in the person of their clergy, in convention proceedings. The protesting members were es-pecially exercised, it seems, over the fact that mey were called upon to receive the benediction of a Catholic priest at their last na-tional convention. Miss Willard has answered judicial officers of a state, or the mem-Miss Willard says she is proud to be asso-clated with a Catholic temperance society that "will hiss a Catholic senator fends the Tammany ring and applaud a Protestant police commissioner ounces that bulwark of municipal brutality Mies Willard has never been accused narrowness and has recently been criticised for her undiscriminating political platform, but no purely broadminded person can have logical or sentimental, with the ground she takes here. She says: "Let it constitution disfranchises a third or a railroads will eventually reach the Temperance union is not a church. It is a temperance union. It has no creed, but has a declaration of principles. It stands

for 'total abstinence, total prohibition and a white life for two,' and among its rally cries are these: 'No sectarianism in re-ligion, no sectionalism in politics, no sex in citizenship.' \* If Catholic or Protesthalf way to welcome them to the broad cut-look and blessed fellowship of a union that has the home for its watchword and the hap- states. piness of all for its heaven-appointed geal." doctrine. It is but fair to say that there were members of the Boston branch who

protested against the protest and who refueld to allow their names to appear in 1: and that a resolution of thanks to Miss Wil lard for her reply was voted at a recent The episode has probably ciosed and the publicity given it will probably presimilar protests from being sent out by other branches.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

The sultan of Turkey has a poor opinion of the gavel. He prefers the ax.

Chicago is short \$66,000 on her national convention deal, but she is long on promises. With twisters in action and twistings breatened, the British lion will be in conlition presently to unfold a tail of woe, Congressman Harry Miner of New York nas made an impression in Washington already with his clothes. A wag has dubbed him "the lily of the valet."

As the grave and ponderous senators delight to take a "flyer" when the market is right, it is believed the bill appropriating \$100,000 encourage aerial navigation will encounter That famed article known as Jersey justice

takes an occasional spurt to show that it is sound of limb and lung. In Jersey City the ther day a fellow charged with cruelty to animals was serving a sentence in the penitentiary within eighteen hours after his Those who complain about the precipitancy

of winter will find comfort in reading the local weather record. There is no danger of a hard winter, because there is a surplus of 266 degrees of heat in stock which will be turned loose to mitigate the hard snaps as we slip and slide along. Mayor Strong emphasizes the superiority of license by showing that New York has I

8,000 salcons, or nearly three times as many proportionately as Philadelphia, where high license prevails and produces a larger revenue. One of the results of Sunday closing claimed by the mayor is the increased deposits in savings banks, aggregating \$15,000,-000 in seven months.

He said he was willing to do military duty six days in the week, but would not "dese-crate the Sabbath." He is still in prison and will remain there until he changes his mind in this matter. "We are informed," says the Boston Trans-

curing a permanent memorial in his hon The Amesbury News makes the admirable suggestion that now that the Whittier homestead is to be vacated it is a good time make a move to secure it as a memorial, to be kept in its present condition.

Much feeling is exhibited in press com-ments on the conduct of the Canadian stu-dents at the Ontario college, who, on Thanks-giving day, tore down the stars and stripes raised by American students. Barring the mplied insult to the flag, there is little in implied insult to the flag, there is little in the incident calling for patriotic heat. Amer-icans who ignore the superior educational facilities of the country and send their chil-dren to Canada invite the treatment the On-tario boers meted out.

SECULAR SHOTS AT THE PULPIT.

Kansas City Journal: The Hoboken minister who went into the saloon business be-cause his church declined to raise his salary took the best possible way of proving that he wasn't earning the salary he was receiving Minneapolis Tribune: Rev. J. Wesley Johnson of Brooklyn, N. Y., advocates some radical changes in Methodism, as, for instance, the abolition of the itineracy and the time limit for city ministers; also the abolition of presiding elderships and the appointment of a diocesan episcopacy in their stead. New York Sun: We fear that our colored

by their flatteries. She has thus far borne herself as if she had more mind than her flatteres and more reserve power in her brain; but flattery is a dangerous thing, and has spoiled lots of preachers bigger than she s, white men at that,

Detroit Free Press: Some of our sensational ministers appear to be growing a little bloodthirsty for men who are supposed to breathe the spirit of peace on earth and good will to men. One of the clergy in Ne-braska wanted election repeaters shot down in their tracks. A colored divine urged burning and slaughter as a means for the prevention of negro lynchings in the south. Now Dr. Parkhurst, in a Thanksgiving ser-non, declares that the boy train wreckers in his state should be tried within a week and hung within a month. Judge Lynch himself would have conditioned the hanging of the boys upon their being found guilty In straining for effect some of these ambitious teachers of men are going entirely too

Louisville Courier-Journal: Dr. Parkhurst professes to favor the freedom of the press, but objects to its license. What he considers liceuse is an attempt to inflame com bustible men against the lawfully expressed will of the voters. This, he says, is treason. It is too much the habit of men of Dr. Park-hurst's temper to regard all opposition to what they favor as treasonable. If, however, ant, Jew or Gentile will come to us as fra-ternal message-hearers, or as working allies will and that treason consists in levying war upon this sacred platform, let us not only against the United States or adhering to clasp their friendly hands but go in we than its enemies, giving them aid and comfort. The constitutions of the states contain similar provisions as to treason against the states. Publishing newspapers is not treason, especially when the country is at peace, when there is no public enemy to whom aid This is sound Christian and temperance when there is no public enemy to whom aid contrine. It is but fair to say that there and comfort can be given. Treason is not committed by advocating any public policy, however hurtful, so long as there is no resort to violence.

DOMESTIC IDVLS.

Chicago Record: He-Precious, did you rive me this beautiful umbrella because ou love me?
She-No, darling, I gave it to you because

Somerville Journal: Sometimes a young father worries for twelve or fifteen months for fear his baby may be tongue-tied, and then for the next five years occasionally almost wishes that he was.

Harper's Bazar: "Do you believe that children inherit the suppressed tendencies of their parents?" "Tm sure of it. You ought to see my baby pull my wife's mother's nose."

Town Topics: Cholly Chapleigh—Just think, dearest, after we are married you won't have to think for yourself, will you? Miss Pert-No, dear. I'll have to think for both of us then.

Philadelphia Record: Slowboy-I didn't know my arm was so long until the tailor measured me today. Miss Rapidde-How long is it? Slowboy-Twenty-eight inches. Miss Rapidde-I think that's about the ircumference of my waist.

Chicago Record: Conductor-Did you see the man with the kid? Gripman-No. Con-ductor-He's the proudest father I ever struck. Insisted on paying full fare for the 6-months-old boy.

Yonkers Statesman: Bacop—Let me shake your hand, dear boy: this is one of the happy days of your life.

Egbert—You're too previous, old man. I'm not to be married until tomorrow.

"That's what I say. This is one of the happy days of your life." Cincinnati Enquirer: Senior Partner-What

Cincinnati Enquirer: Senior Partner-What are you looking so glum over? Junior Partner-Got a note from my wife that the pug is lost. Now, if I don't sympathize for her a whole lot she will say I am a cold-blooded brute, and if I do sympathize she will suspect that I hired some one to steal the dog and am just condoling with her for a bluff.

A curious case of a soldier refusing to do duty has just been before a military tribunal in Germany. Trott is the name of a private in an infantry company stationed at Insterburg. He is the son of a lauded proprietor.

Detroit Free Press: "Shall I have your Christmas present charged, dear?" asked a business man's wife, smiling sweetly upon him.

"Yes, my love," answered the b. m., "and if it is anything like the Christmas present

THE POSTER MAIDEN.

Willard Holcomb in Washington Post. cript, "that the heirs of the post Whittier, Her eyes are grayish, brownish, bluen who are his nieces and cousins, would not green. be backward in doing their share toward securing a permanent memorial in his bear Illumined with a phosphorescent sheen. nined with a phosphorescent sheen, e sort of eyes one sees when he's a "shine" on.

Attired in motley colors, red and white,
All striped like a stick of peppermint,
She sits upon a stream of liquid light,
For of a boat there's not the slightest
hint.

Her reddish-yellow Cleopatra hair, Glows like the sun above a greenish shore, While all around the circumamblent air Is filled with fearful purple clouds and

gore. Nay, reader, this is not a nightmare scene. Nor dream from the seductive poppy born; A poster for the latest magazine This wild, prismatic maiden doth adorn.

.. Free Photographs .. We are giving an order on Rine-hart for 15 dozen Cabinet Photos of the purchaser of 36 worth of goods in our Children's Department. This offer ends Dec. 15, owing to the im-possibility of finishing negatives after that date in time for Christmas.



During the gaities of the circus we'd ask a half min. ute of attention while we suggest a few things in wear-

We're cuttin' down the odd lots of children's wear--Overcoats, Ulsters, Reefers, Knee Pant Suits, Long Pant Suits and Novelty Suits of every description. Men's Suits and Overcoats, \$8.50 to \$25--Brown-

ing-King make and factory prices. **Underwear and Furnishings** 

Clearing out odd lots of Underwear, Hosiery, Shirts, Collars and many lines of Men's Furnishings, Here are a few sample prices:

Very fine all wool Shirts and Drawers, heavy derby ribbed (in large sizes only) regular \$1.50 grade, to close for \$1.00

A very fine 40-gauge fast black Half
Hose, with white feet, regular 35c
grade—going to close them out
at 25c pair 750

A fine lot of odd Undershirts, all sizes, from 34 to 44, regular \$1.00 and \$1.26 grade—closing them all out al 50c cach

Christmas novelties in furnishings now in. It's wise to make an early sc-See 15th. Et show windows for display of big bargains.

Browning, King & Co. Southwest Corner Fiftcenth and Douglas, OMAHA.